IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and

listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A data transmission apparatus comprising:

an input unit, arranged to input data;

a transmission unit, arranged to transmit the data inputted by said input unit to a

destination;

a discrimination unit, arranged to discriminate an attribute of the data inputted by

said input unit;

a storage unit, arranged to store the data inputted by said input unit ~~to a~~

~~predetermined memory~~ as a file; and

a control unit, arranged to control a transmission operation of said transmission

unit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said discrimination unit,

wherein said control unit selectively controls such that said transmission unit

transmits the data inputted by said input unit to the destination, or such that said transmission

unit transmits storage location information ~~indicating a storage location used by said storage unit~~

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for accessing the file, which is stored in said storage unit, to the destination, in accordance with

the discrimination result obtained by said discrimination unit.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, in a

case in which said transmission unit transmits the storage location information indicating the

storage location, said transmission unit transmits a message indicative of an access manner of the

data stored by said storage unit to the destination.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said

discrimination unit discriminates a data amount of the data inputted by said input unit.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A data transmission apparatus comprising:

an input unit, arranged to input data;

a transmission unit, arranged to transmit the data inputted by said input unit to a

destination;

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a discrimination unit, arranged to discriminate a characteristic of the destination;

a storage unit, arranged to store the data inputted by said input unit ~~to a~~

~~predetermined memory~~ as a file; and

a control unit, arranged to control a transmission operation of said transmission

unit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said discrimination unit,

wherein said control unit selectively controls such that said transmission unit

transmits the data inputted by said input unit to the destination, or such that said transmission

unit transmits storage location information ~~indicating a storage location used by said storage unit~~

for accessing the file, which is stored in said storage unit, to the destination, in accordance with

the discrimination result obtained by said discrimination unit.

Claim 6 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said

discrimination unit discriminates a connection format for connecting to the destination.

Claim 7 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said

discrimination unit discriminates a processing ability of a device of the destination.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein, in a case in which said transmission unit transmits the storage location information indicating the storage location, said transmission unit transmits a message indicative of an access manner of the data stored by said storage unit to the destination.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A data transmission method comprising:

an input step, of inputting data;

a transmission step, of transmitting the data inputted in said input step to a destination;

a discrimination step, of discriminating an attribute of the data inputted in said input step;

a storage step, of storing the data inputted in said input step to a predetermined memory as a file in a storage unit; and

a control step, of controlling a transmission operation in said transmission step in accordance with a discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein said control step includes selectively controlling such that, in said

transmission step, the data inputted in said input step is transmitted to the destination, or such

that, in said transmission step, storage location information ~~indicating a storage location used in~~

~~said storage step~~ for accessing the file, which is stored in the storage unit, is transmitted to the

destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A data transmission method comprising:

an input step, of inputting data;

a transmission step, of transmitting the data inputted in said input step to a

destination;

a discrimination step, of discriminating a characteristic of the destination;

a storage step, of storing the data inputted in said input step ~~to a predetermined~~

~~memory~~ as a file in a storage unit; and

a control step, of controlling a transmission operation in said transmission step in

accordance with a discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein said control step includes selectively controlling such that, in said

transmission step, the data inputted in said input step is transmitted to the destination, or such

that, in said transmission step, the storage location information ~~indicating a storage location used~~

~~in said storage step~~ for accessing the file, which is stored in the storage unit, is transmitted to the

destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A storage medium storing a computer-readable

program for implementing a data transmission method, wherein the method comprises:

an input step, of inputting data;

a transmission step, of transmitting the data inputted in said input step to a

destination;

a discrimination step, of discriminating an attribute of the data inputted in said

input step;

a storage step, of storing the data inputted in said input step ~~to a predetermined~~

~~memory~~ as a file in a storage unit; and

a control step, of controlling a transmission operation in said transmission step in

accordance with a discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein said control step includes selectively controlling such that, in said

transmission step, the data inputted in said input step is transmitted to the destination, or such

that, in said transmission step, <u>storage location</u> information ~~indicating a storage location used in said storage step~~ <u>for accessing the file, which is stored in the storage unit,</u> is transmitted to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A storage medium storing a computer-readable program for implementing a data transmission method, wherein the method comprises:

an input step, of inputting data;

a transmission step, of transmitting the data inputted in said input step to a destination;

a discrimination step, of discriminating a characteristic of the destination;

a storage step, of storing the data inputted in said input step ~~to a predetermined memory~~ <u>as a file in a storage unit</u>; and

a control step, of controlling a transmission operation in said transmission step in accordance with a discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein said control step includes selectively controlling such that, in said transmission step, the data inputted in said input step is transmitted to the destination, or such that, in said transmission step, <u>storage location</u> information ~~indicating a storage location used in~~

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~~said storage step~~ <u>for accessing the file, which is stored in the storage unit,</u> is transmitted to the

destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step.